



## EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT: HOW TO ACCESS FEDERAL FUNDS FOR DIGITAL NEEDS

### What is it?

- Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) is a government program. It is a temporary service designed to help households fulfill their digital needs during the pandemic.
- The program offers eligible households up to \$75 in monthly discounts for broadband. It also offers a one-time discount of up to \$100 towards a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer. Participants must contribute between \$10-\$50 for the device to qualify.

### Who is eligible?

- **Households with income at or below 135% of the national poverty line.**
  - A household is a group of people who live together and share money. Those who live together and *do not* share money are each their own separate household.
- **Households where *any* member falls into one of these categories:**
  - You participate in SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefits.
  - You participate in one of several Tribal programs
  - You received a federal Pell Grant in the current award year.
  - You received benefits through a school lunch or breakfast program.
- **Households where:**
  - any member lost a job or was furloughed due to COVID-19, *and*
  - the total household income is at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers.

### How to apply?

- [Online](#) with the Universal Service Administrative Company
- Through the mail in either [English](#) or [Spanish](#) (view [instructions in nine more languages](#))
- Contact your broadband provider directly. Use this [online tool](#) to find a participating provider near you if you do not have one.

To find out more about the EBB, check out the [get emergency broadband website](#).